

Executive Summary – Enforcement Matter – Case No. 47022
Carmen Ramirez Castro dba Carmen's Corner Stop
RN101659365
Docket No. 2013-1115-PST-E

Order Type:

1660 Agreed Order

Findings Order Justification:

N/A

Media:

PST

Small Business:

Yes

Location(s) Where Violation(s) Occurred:

Carmen's Corner Stop, 100 North Loop 340, Bellmead, McLennan County

Type of Operation:

Convenience store with retail sales of gasoline

Other Significant Matters:

Additional Pending Enforcement Actions: No

Past-Due Penalties: No

Other: N/A

Interested Third-Parties: None

Texas Register Publication Date: January 30, 2015

Comments Received: No

Penalty Information

Total Penalty Assessed: \$16,651

Amount Deferred for Expedited Settlement: \$3,330

Amount Deferred for Financial Inability to Pay: \$0

Total Paid to General Revenue: \$371

Total Due to General Revenue: \$12,950

Payment Plan: 35 payments of \$370 each

SEP Conditional Offset: \$0

Compliance History Classifications:

Person/CN - Unclassified

Site/RN - Unclassified

Major Source: No

Statutory Limit Adjustment: N/A

Applicable Penalty Policy: September 2011

Investigation Information

Complaint Date(s): N/A

Complaint Information: N/A

Date(s) of Investigation: April 15, 2013

Date(s) of NOE(s): May 29, 2013

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Violation Information

1. Failed to demonstrate acceptable financial assurance for taking corrective action and for compensating third parties for bodily injury and property damage caused by accidental releases arising from the operation of the petroleum underground storage tanks ("USTs") [TEX. ADMIN. CODE § 37.815(a) and (b)].
2. Failed to provide corrosion protection for the UST system [TEX. ADMIN. CODE § 334.49(a)(1) and TEX. WATER CODE § 26.3475(d)].
3. Failed to monitor the USTs for releases at a frequency of at least once every month (not to exceed 35 days between each monitoring) [30 TEX. ADMIN. CODE § 334.50(b)(1)(A) and TEX. WATER CODE § 26.3475(c)(1)].
4. Failed to provide release detection for the pressurized piping associated with the UST system. Specifically, the Respondent did not conduct the annual piping tightness test [30 TEX. ADMIN. CODE § 334.50(b)(2) and TEX. WATER CODE § 26.3475(a)].
5. Failed to maintain UST records and make them immediately available for inspection upon request by agency personnel [30 TEX. ADMIN. CODE § 334.10(b)].

Corrective Actions/Technical Requirements

Corrective Action(s) Completed:

N/A

Technical Requirements:

The Order will require the Respondent to:

- a. Immediately, begin maintaining all UST records and ensure that they are made immediately available for inspection upon request by agency personnel.
- b. Within 30 days:
 - i. Submit documentation that demonstrates acceptable financial assurance for taking corrective action and for compensating third parties for bodily injury and property damage caused by accidental releases arising from the operation of the petroleum USTs;
 - ii. Install a corrosion protection system and test the system; and
 - iii. Implement a release detection method for all USTs at the Facility and conduct the annual piping tightness test.

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c. Within 45 days, submit written certification to demonstrate compliance with Ordering Provisions a. and b.

Litigation Information

Date Petition(s) Filed: N/A
Date Answer(s) Filed: N/A
SOAH Referral Date: N/A
Hearing Date(s): N/A
Settlement Date: N/A

Contact Information

TCEQ Attorney: N/A
TCEQ Enforcement Coordinator: Michael Meyer, Enforcement Division,
Enforcement Team 6, MC 128, (512) 239-4492; Candy Garrett, Enforcement Division,
MC 219, (512) 239-1456
TCEQ SEP Coordinator: N/A
Respondent: Carmen Ramirez Castro, Operator, Carmen's Corner Stop, 100 North
Loop 340, Bellmead, Texas 76705
Respondent's Attorney: N/A



Penalty Calculation Worksheet (PCW)

Policy Revision 3 (September 2011)

PCW Revision August 3, 2011

TCEQ

DATES	Assigned	3-Jun-2013	Screening	5-Jun-2013	EPA Due	
	PCW	11-Jun-2013				

RESPONDENT/FACILITY INFORMATION

Respondent	Carmen Ramirez Castro dba Carmen's Corner Stop				
Reg. Ent. Ref. No.	RN101659365				
Facility/Site Region	9-Waco		Major/Minor Source	Minor	

CASE INFORMATION

Enf./Case ID No.	47022	No. of Violations	4
Docket No.	2013-1115-PST-E	Order Type	1660
Media Program(s)	Petroleum Storage Tank	Government/Non-Profit	No
Multi-Media		Enf. Coordinator	Troy Warden
		EC's Team	Enforcement Team 6
Admin. Penalty \$ Limit Minimum	\$0	Maximum	\$25,000

Penalty Calculation Section

TOTAL BASE PENALTY (Sum of violation base penalties)	Subtotal 1	\$13,750
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ADJUSTMENTS (+/-) TO SUBTOTAL 1

Subtotals 2-7 are obtained by multiplying the Total Base Penalty (Subtotal 1) by the indicated percentage.

Compliance History	0.0% Enhancement	Subtotals 2, 3, & 7	\$0
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Notes: No adjustment for compliance history.

Culpability	No	0.0% Enhancement	Subtotal 4	\$0
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Notes: The Respondent does not meet the culpability criteria.

Good Faith Effort to Comply Total Adjustments	Subtotal 5	\$0
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Economic Benefit	0.0% Enhancement*	Subtotal 6	\$0
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Total EB Amounts	\$4,012
Approx. Cost of Compliance	\$10,758

*Capped at the Total EB \$ Amount

SUM OF SUBTOTALS 1-7	Final Subtotal	\$13,750
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OTHER FACTORS AS JUSTICE MAY REQUIRE	21.1%	Adjustment	\$2,901
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Reduces or enhances the Final Subtotal by the indicated percentage.

Notes: Recommended enhancement to capture the avoided cost of compliance associated with violation nos. 1 and 3.

Final Penalty Amount	\$16,651
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STATUTORY LIMIT ADJUSTMENT	Final Assessed Penalty	\$16,651
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DEFERRAL	20.0% Reduction	Adjustment	-\$3,330
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Reduces the Final Assessed Penalty by the indicated percentage. (Enter number only; e.g. 20 for 20% reduction.)

Notes: Deferral offered for expedited settlement.

PAYABLE PENALTY	\$13,321
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Reg. Ent. Reference No. RN101659365

Media [Statute] Petroleum Storage Tank

Enf. Coordinator Troy Warden

Compliance History Worksheet

>> Compliance History Site Enhancement (Subtotal 2)

Component	Number of...	Enter Number Here	Adjust.
NOVs	Written notices of violation ("NOVs") with same or similar violations as those in the current enforcement action (<i>number of NOVs meeting criteria</i>)	0	0%
	Other written NOVs	0	0%
Orders	Any agreed final enforcement orders containing a denial of liability (<i>number of orders meeting criteria</i>)	0	0%
	Any adjudicated final enforcement orders, agreed final enforcement orders without a denial of liability, or default orders of this state or the federal government, or any final prohibitory emergency orders issued by the commission	0	0%
Judgments and Consent Decrees	Any non-adjudicated final court judgments or consent decrees containing a denial of liability of this state or the federal government (<i>number of judgements or consent decrees meeting criteria</i>)	0	0%
	Any adjudicated final court judgments and default judgments, or non-adjudicated final court judgments or consent decrees without a denial of liability, of this state or the federal government	0	0%
Convictions	Any criminal convictions of this state or the federal government (<i>number of counts</i>)	0	0%
Emissions	Chronic excessive emissions events (<i>number of events</i>)	0	0%
Audits	Letters notifying the executive director of an intended audit conducted under the Texas Environmental, Health, and Safety Audit Privilege Act, 74th Legislature, 1995 (<i>number of audits for which notices were submitted</i>)	0	0%
	Disclosures of violations under the Texas Environmental, Health, and Safety Audit Privilege Act, 74th Legislature, 1995 (<i>number of audits for which violations were disclosed</i>)	0	0%
Please Enter Yes or No			
Other	Environmental management systems in place for one year or more	No	0%
	Voluntary on-site compliance assessments conducted by the executive director under a special assistance program	No	0%
	Participation in a voluntary pollution reduction program	No	0%
	Early compliance with, or offer of a product that meets future state or federal government environmental requirements	No	0%

Adjustment Percentage (Subtotal 2) 0%

>> Repeat Violator (Subtotal 3)

No

Adjustment Percentage (Subtotal 3) 0%

>> Compliance History Person Classification (Subtotal 7)

Unclassified

Adjustment Percentage (Subtotal 7) 0%

>> Compliance History Summary

Compliance
History
Notes

No adjustment for compliance history.

Total Compliance History Adjustment Percentage (Subtotals 2, 3, & 7) 0%

>> Final Compliance History Adjustment

Final Adjustment Percentage *capped at 100% 0%

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PCW Revision August 3, 2011

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Media [Statute] Petroleum Storage Tank

Enf. Coordinator Troy Warden

Violation Number 1

Rule Cite(s)

30 Tex. Admin. Code § 37.815(a) and (b)

Violation Description

Failed to demonstrate acceptable financial assurance for taking corrective action and for compensating third parties for bodily injury and property damage caused by accidental releases arising from the operation of the petroleum underground storage tanks ("USTs").

Base Penalty \$25,000

>> Environmental, Property and Human Health Matrix

OR

Release	Harm		
	Major	Moderate	Minor
Actual			
Potential			

Percent 0.0%

>> Programmatic Matrix

Falsification			
	Major	Moderate	Minor
	x		

Percent 5.0%

Matrix Notes

100% of the rule requirement was not met.

Adjustment \$23,750

\$1,250

Violation Events

Number of Violation Events 4

365 Number of violation days

mark only one
with an x

daily	
weekly	
monthly	
quarterly	
semiannual	
annual	
single event	x

Violation Base Penalty \$5,000

Four single events (one event per UST) are recommended.

Good Faith Efforts to Comply

0.0% Reduction

\$0

Before NOV NOV to EDPRP/Settlement Offer

Extraordinary		
Ordinary		
N/A	x	(mark with x)

Notes

The Respondent does not meet the good faith criteria for this violation.

Violation Subtotal \$5,000

Economic Benefit (EB) for this violation

Statutory Limit Test

Estimated EB Amount \$2,772

Violation Final Penalty Total \$6,055

This violation Final Assessed Penalty (adjusted for limits) \$6,055

Economic Benefit Worksheet

Respondent Carmen Ramirez Castro dba Carmen's Corner Stop
 Case ID No. 47022
 Reg. Ent. Reference No. RN101659365
 Media Petroleum Storage Tank
 Violation No. 1

Percent Interest 5.0
 Years of Depreciation 15

Item Cost Date Required Final Date Yrs Interest Saved Onetime Costs EB Amount
 Item Description No commas or \$

Delayed Costs

Equipment				0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0
Buildings				0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0
Other (as needed)				0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0
Engineering/construction				0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0
Land				0.00	\$0	n/a	\$0
Record Keeping System				0.00	\$0	n/a	\$0
Training/Sampling				0.00	\$0	n/a	\$0
Remediation/Disposal				0.00	\$0	n/a	\$0
Permit Costs				0.00	\$0	n/a	\$0
Other (as needed)				0.00	\$0	n/a	\$0

Notes for DELAYED costs

Avoided Costs

ANNUALIZE [1] avoided costs before entering item (except for one-time avoided costs)

Disposal				0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0
Personnel				0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0
Inspection/Reporting/Sampling				0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0
Supplies/equipment				0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0
Financial Assurance [2]	\$2,640	15-Apr-2012	15-Apr-2013	1.00	\$132	\$2,640	\$2,772
ONE-TIME avoided costs [3]				0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0
Other (as needed)				0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0

Notes for AVOIDED costs

Estimated cost to provide financial assurance for four petroleum USTs (\$660 per tank). The date required is one year prior to the investigation date, and the final date is the investigation date.

Approx. Cost of Compliance

\$2,640

TOTAL

\$2,772

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Respondent Carmen Ramirez Castro dba Carmen's Corner Stop

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Reg. Ent. Reference No. RN101659365

Media [Statute] Petroleum Storage Tank

Enf. Coordinator Troy Warden

Violation Number 2

Rule Cite(s)

30 Tex. Admin. Code § 334.49(a)(1) and Tex. Water Code § 26.3475(d)

Violation Description

Failed to provide corrosion protection for the UST system.

Base Penalty \$25,000

>> Environmental, Property and Human Health Matrix

OR

Release	Harm		
	Major	Moderate	Minor
Actual			
Potential	x		

Percent 15.0%

>> Programmatic Matrix

Falsification	Major	Moderate	Minor

Percent 0.0%

Matrix Notes

Human health or the environment will or could be exposed to pollutants which would exceed levels that are protective of human health or environmental receptors as a result of the violation.

Adjustment \$21,250

\$3,750

Violation Events

Number of Violation Events 1

51 Number of violation days

mark only one
with an x

daily	
weekly	
monthly	
quarterly	x
semiannual	
annual	
single event	

Violation Base Penalty \$3,750

One quarterly event is recommended based on the documentation of the violation during the April 15, 2013 investigation to the June 5, 2013 screening date.

Good Faith Efforts to Comply

0.0% Reduction

\$0

Before NOV NOV to EDPRP/Settlement Offer

Extraordinary		
Ordinary		
N/A	x	(mark with x)

Notes

The Respondent does not meet the good faith criteria for this violation.

Violation Subtotal \$3,750

Economic Benefit (EB) for this violation

Statutory Limit Test

Estimated EB Amount \$899

Violation Final Penalty Total \$4,541

This violation Final Assessed Penalty (adjusted for limits) \$4,541

Economic Benefit Worksheet

Respondent Carmen Ramirez Castro dba Carmen's Corner Stop
Case ID No. 47022
Reg. Ent. Reference No. RN101659365
Media Petroleum Storage Tank
Violation No. 2

Percent Interest 5.0
Years of Depreciation 15

Item Cost **Date Required** **Final Date** **Yrs** **Interest Saved** **Onetime Costs** **EB Amount**
Item Description No commas or \$

Delayed Costs

Equipment	\$6,000	15-Apr-2013	5-Jun-2015	2.14	\$43	\$856	\$899
Buildings				0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0
Other (as needed)				0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0
Engineering/construction				0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0
Land				0.00	\$0	n/a	\$0
Record Keeping System				0.00	\$0	n/a	\$0
Training/Sampling				0.00	\$0	n/a	\$0
Remediation/Disposal				0.00	\$0	n/a	\$0
Permit Costs				0.00	\$0	n/a	\$0
Other (as needed)				0.00	\$0	n/a	\$0

Notes for DELAYED costs

Estimated cost to install a corrosion protection system and test the system. The date required is the investigation date, and the final date is the estimated date of compliance.

Avoided Costs

ANNUALIZE [1] avoided costs before entering item (except for one-time avoided costs)

Disposal				0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0
Personnel				0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0
Inspection/Reporting/Sampling				0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0
Supplies/equipment				0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0
Financial Assurance [2]				0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0
ONE-TIME avoided costs [3]				0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0
Other (as needed)				0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0

Notes for AVOIDED costs

Approx. Cost of Compliance

\$6,000

TOTAL

\$899

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Respondent Carmen Ramirez Castro dba Carmen's Corner Stop

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PCW Revision August 3, 2011

Reg. Ent. Reference No. RN101659365

Media [Statute] Petroleum Storage Tank

Enf. Coordinator Troy Warden

Violation Number 3

Rule Cite(s) 30 Tex. Admin. Code § 334.50(b)(1)(A) and (b)(2) and Tex. Water Code § 26.3475(a) and (c)(1)

Violation Description

Failed to monitor the USTs for releases at a frequency of at least once every month (not to exceed 35 days between each monitoring). Also, failed to provide release detection for the pressurized piping associated with the UST system. Specifically, the Respondent did not conduct the annual piping tightness test.

Base Penalty \$25,000

>> Environmental, Property and Human Health Matrix

OR

Release	Major	Moderate	Minor
Actual			
Potential	x		

Percent 15.0%

>> Programmatic Matrix

Falsification	Major	Moderate	Minor

Percent 0.0%

Matrix Notes

Human health or the environment will or could be exposed to pollutants which would exceed levels that are protective of human health or environmental receptors as a result of the violation.

Adjustment \$21,250

\$3,750

Violation Events

Number of Violation Events 1

51 Number of violation days

mark only one
with an x

daily	
weekly	
monthly	
quarterly	x
semiannual	
annual	
single event	

Violation Base Penalty \$3,750

One quarterly event is recommended based on the documentation of the violation during the April 15, 2013 investigation to the June 5, 2013 screening date.

Good Faith Efforts to Comply

0.0% Reduction

\$0

	Before NOV	NOV to EDPRP/Settlement Offer
Extraordinary		
Ordinary		
N/A	x	(mark with x)

Notes

The Respondent does not meet the good faith criteria for this violation.

Violation Subtotal \$3,750

Economic Benefit (EB) for this violation

Statutory Limit Test

Estimated EB Amount \$290

Violation Final Penalty Total \$4,541

This violation Final Assessed Penalty (adjusted for limits) \$4,541

Economic Benefit Worksheet

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Media Petroleum Storage Tank
Violation No. 3

Percent Interest 5.0
Years of Depreciation 15

Item Cost **Date Required** **Final Date** **Yrs** **Interest Saved** **Onetime Costs** **EB Amount**
Item Description No commas or \$

Delayed Costs

Equipment				0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0
Buildings				0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0
Other (as needed)				0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0
Engineering/construction				0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0
Land				0.00	\$0	n/a	\$0
Record Keeping System				0.00	\$0	n/a	\$0
Training/Sampling				0.00	\$0	n/a	\$0
Remediation/Disposal				0.00	\$0	n/a	\$0
Permit Costs				0.00	\$0	n/a	\$0
Other (as needed)	\$1,500	15-Apr-2013	5-Jun-2015	2.14	\$160	n/a	\$160

Notes for DELAYED costs

Estimated cost of monitoring the USTs for releases. The date required is the investigation date, and the final date is the estimated date of compliance.

Avoided Costs

ANNUALIZE [1] avoided costs before entering item (except for one-time avoided costs)

Disposal				0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0
Personnel				0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0
Inspection/Reporting/Sampling				0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0
Supplies/equipment				0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0
Financial Assurance [2]				0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0
ONE-TIME avoided costs [3]	\$118	15-Apr-2012	15-Apr-2013	1.92	\$11	\$118	\$129
Other (as needed)				0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0

Notes for AVOIDED costs

Estimated cost for conducting the annual piping tightness test. The date required is one year prior to the investigation date, and the final date is the investigation date.

Approx. Cost of Compliance

\$1,618

TOTAL

\$290

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PCW Revision August 3, 2011

Reg. Ent. Reference No. RN101659365

Media [Statute] Petroleum Storage Tank

Enf. Coordinator Troy Warden

Violation Number 4

Rule Cite(s)

30 Tex. Admin. Code § 334.10(b)

Violation Description

Failed to maintain UST records and make them immediately available for inspection upon request by agency personnel.

Base Penalty \$25,000

>> Environmental, Property and Human Health Matrix

OR

Release	Harm	
	Major	Minor
Actual		
Potential		

Percent 0.0%

>> Programmatic Matrix

Falsification	Major	Moderate	Minor
	x		

Percent 5.0%

Matrix Notes

100% of the rule requirement was not met.

Adjustment \$23,750

\$1,250

Violation Events

Number of Violation Events 1

51 Number of violation days

mark only one
with an x

daily	
weekly	
monthly	
quarterly	
semiannual	
annual	
single event	x

Violation Base Penalty \$1,250

One single event is recommended.

Good Faith Efforts to Comply

0.0% Reduction

\$0

Before NOV NOV to EDPRP/Settlement Offer

Extraordinary

Ordinary

N/A

x

(mark with x)

Notes

The Respondent does not meet the good faith criteria for this violation.

Violation Subtotal \$1,250

Economic Benefit (EB) for this violation

Statutory Limit Test

Estimated EB Amount \$51

Violation Final Penalty Total \$1,514

This violation Final Assessed Penalty (adjusted for limits) \$1,514

Economic Benefit Worksheet

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Media Petroleum Storage Tank
Violation No. 4

Percent Interest	Years of Depreciation
5.0	15

Item Description	Item Cost	Date Required	Final Date	Yrs	Interest Saved	Onetime Costs	EB Amount
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No commas or \$

Delayed Costs

Equipment				0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0
Buildings				0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0
Other (as needed)				0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0
Engineering/construction				0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0
Land				0.00	\$0	n/a	\$0
Record Keeping System	\$500	15-Apr-2013	5-May-2015	2.05	\$51	n/a	\$51
Training/Sampling				0.00	\$0	n/a	\$0
Remediation/Disposal				0.00	\$0	n/a	\$0
Permit Costs				0.00	\$0	n/a	\$0
Other (as needed)				0.00	\$0	n/a	\$0

Notes for DELAYED costs

Estimated cost to maintain UST records. The date required is the investigation date, and the final date is the estimated date of compliance.

Avoided Costs

ANNUALIZE [1] avoided costs before entering item (except for one-time avoided costs)

Disposal				0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0
Personnel				0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0
Inspection/Reporting/Sampling				0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0
Supplies/equipment				0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0
Financial Assurance [2]				0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0
ONE-TIME avoided costs [3]				0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0
Other (as needed)				0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0

Notes for AVOIDED costs

Approx. Cost of Compliance

\$500

TOTAL

\$51

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Compliance History Report

PUBLISHED Compliance History Report for CN603825571, RN101659365, Rating Year 2012 which includes Compliance History (CH) components from September 1, 2007, through August 31, 2012.

Customer, Respondent, or Owner/Operator:	CN603825571, Castro, Carmen Ramirez dba Carmen's Corner Stop	Classification: UNCLASSIFIED	Rating: -----
Regulated Entity:	RN101659365, Carmen's Corner Stop	Classification: UNCLASSIFIED	Rating: -----
Complexity Points:	3	Repeat Violator:	NO
CH Group:	14 - Other		
Location:	100 N LOOP 340 BELLMEAD, TX 76705-2669, MCLENNAN COUNTY		
TCEQ Region:	REGION 09 - WACO		
ID Number(s):	PETROLEUM STORAGE TANK REGISTRATION REGISTRATION 25800		

Compliance History Period: September 01, 2007 to August 31, 2012 **Rating Year:** 2012 **Rating Date:** 09/01/2012

Date Compliance History Report Prepared: June 11, 2013

Agency Decision Requiring Compliance History: Enforcement

Component Period Selected: June 11, 2008 to June 11, 2013

TCEQ Staff Member to Contact for Additional Information Regarding This Compliance History.

Name: Troy Warden

Phone: (512) 239-1050

Site and Owner/Operator History:

- 1) Has the site been in existence and/or operation for the full five year compliance period? YES
- 2) Has there been a (known) change in ownership/operator of the site during the compliance period? YES
- 3) If **YES** for #2, who is the current owner/operator? Castro, Carmen Ramirez
- 4) If **YES** for #2, who was/were the prior owner(s)/operator(s)? C & C Snack & Gas
- 5) If **YES**, when did the change(s) in owner or operator occur? 3/2/2011

Components (Multimedia) for the Site Are Listed in Sections A - J

A. Final Orders, court judgments, and consent decrees:

N/A

B. Criminal convictions:

N/A

C. Chronic excessive emissions events:

N/A

D. The approval dates of investigations (CCEDS Inv. Track. No.):

N/A

E. Written notices of violations (NOV) (CCEDS Inv. Track. No.):

A notice of violation represents a written allegation of a violation of a specific regulatory requirement from the commission to a regulated entity. A notice of violation is not a final enforcement action, nor proof that a violation has actually occurred.

N/A

F. Environmental audits:

N/A

G. Type of environmental management systems (EMSs):

N/A

H. Voluntary on-site compliance assessment dates:

N/A

I. Participation in a voluntary pollution reduction program:

N/A

J. Early compliance:

N/A

Sites Outside of Texas:

N/A

TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY



IN THE MATTER OF AN	§	BEFORE THE
ENFORCEMENT ACTION	§	
CONCERNING	§	TEXAS COMMISSION ON
CARMEN RAMIREZ CASTRO	§	
DBA CARMEN'S CORNER STOP	§	
RN101659365	§	ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

AGREED ORDER DOCKET NO. 2013-1115-PST-E

I. JURISDICTION AND STIPULATIONS

On _____, the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality ("the Commission" or "TCEQ") considered this agreement of the parties, resolving an enforcement action regarding Carmen Ramirez Castro dba Carmen's Corner Stop ("Respondent") under the authority of TEX. WATER CODE chs. 7 and 26. The Executive Director of the TCEQ, through the Enforcement Division, and the Respondent together stipulate that:

1. The Respondent owns and operates a convenience store with retail sales of gasoline at 100 North Loop 340 in Bellmead, McLennan County, Texas (the "Facility").
2. The Respondent's four underground storage tanks ("USTs") are not exempt or excluded from regulation under the Texas Water Code or the rules of the Commission.
3. The Executive Director and the Respondent agree that the Commission has jurisdiction to enter this Agreed Order, and that the Respondent is subject to the Commission's jurisdiction.
4. The Respondent received notice of the violations alleged in Section II ("Allegations") on or about June 3, 2013.
5. The occurrence of any violation is in dispute and the entry of this Agreed Order shall not constitute an admission by the Respondent of any violation alleged in Section II ("Allegations"), nor of any statute or rule.
6. An administrative penalty in the amount of Sixteen Thousand Six Hundred Fifty-One Dollars (\$16,651) is assessed by the Commission in settlement of the violations alleged in Section II ("Allegations"). The Respondent has paid Three Hundred Seventy-One (\$371)

of the administrative penalty and Three Thousand Three Hundred Thirty Dollars (\$3,330) is deferred contingent upon the Respondent's timely and satisfactory compliance with all the terms of this Agreed Order. The deferred amount will be waived upon full compliance with the terms of this Agreed Order. If the Respondent fails to timely and satisfactorily comply with all requirements of this Agreed Order, the Executive Director may require the Respondent to pay all or part of the deferred penalty.

The remaining amount of Twelve Thousand Nine Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$12,950) of the administrative penalty shall be payable in 35 monthly payments of Three Hundred Seventy Dollars (\$370) each. The next monthly payment shall be paid within 30 days after the effective date of this Agreed Order. The subsequent payments shall each be paid not later than 30 days following the due date of the previous payment until paid in full. If the Respondent fails to timely and satisfactorily comply with the payment requirements of this Agreed Order, the Executive Director may, at the Executive Director's options, accelerate the maturity of the remaining instalments, in which event the unpaid balance shall become immediately due and payable without demand or notice. In addition, the failure of the Respondent to meet the payment schedule of the Agreed Order constitutes the failure by the Respondent to timely and satisfactorily comply with all the terms of this Agreed Order.

7. Any notice and procedures, which might otherwise be authorized or required in this action, are waived in the interest of a more timely resolution of the matter.
8. The Executive Director and the Respondent agree on a settlement of the matters alleged in this enforcement action, subject to final approval in accordance with 30 TEX. ADMIN. CODE § 70.10(a).
9. The Executive Director may, without further notice or hearing, refer this matter to the Office of the Attorney General of the State of Texas ("OAG") for further enforcement proceedings if the Executive Director determines that the Respondent has not complied with one or more of the terms or conditions in this Agreed Order.
10. This Agreed Order shall terminate five years from its effective date or upon compliance with all the terms and conditions set forth in this Agreed Order, whichever is later.
11. The provisions of this Agreed Order are deemed severable and, if a court of competent jurisdiction or other appropriate authority deems any provision of this Agreed Order unenforceable, the remaining provisions shall be valid and enforceable.

II. ALLEGATIONS

As owner and operator of the Facility, the Respondent is alleged to have:

1. Failed to demonstrate acceptable financial assurance for taking corrective action and for compensating third parties for bodily injury and property damage caused by accidental releases arising from the operation of the petroleum USTs, in violation of 30 TEX. ADMIN. CODE § 37.815(a) and (b), as documented during an investigation conducted on April 15, 2013.

2. Failed to provide corrosion protection for the UST system, in violation of 30 TEX. ADMIN. CODE § 334.49(a)(1) and TEX. WATER CODE § 26.3475(d), as documented during an investigation conducted on April 15, 2013.
3. Failed to monitor the USTs for releases at a frequency of at least once every month (not to exceed 35 days between each monitoring), in violation of 30 TEX. ADMIN. CODE § 334.50(b)(1)(A) and TEX. WATER CODE § 26.3475(c)(1), as documented during an investigation conducted on April 15, 2013.
4. Failed to provide release detection for the pressurized piping associated with the UST system, in violation of 30 TEX. ADMIN. CODE § 334.50(b)(2) and TEX. WATER CODE § 26.3475(a), as documented during an investigation conducted April 15, 2013. Specifically, the Respondent did not conduct the annual piping tightness test.
5. Failed to maintain UST records and make them immediately available for inspection upon request by agency personnel, in violation of 30 TEX. ADMIN. CODE § 334.10(b), as documented during an investigation conducted on April 15, 2013.

III. DENIALS

The Respondent generally denies each allegation in Section II ("Allegations").

IV. ORDERING PROVISIONS

1. It is, therefore, ordered by the TCEQ that the Respondent pay an administrative penalty as set forth in Section I, Paragraph 6 above. The payment of this administrative penalty and the Respondent's compliance with all the terms and conditions set forth in this Agreed Order resolve only the allegations in Section II. The Commission shall not be constrained in any manner from requiring corrective action or penalties for violations which are not raised here. Administrative penalty payments shall be made payable to "TCEQ" and shall be sent with the notation "Re: Carmen Ramirez Castro dba Carmen's Corner Stop, Docket No. 2013-1115-PST-E" to:

Financial Administration Division, Revenue Operations Section
Attention: Cashier's Office, MC 214
Texas Commission on Environmental Quality
P.O. Box 13088
Austin, Texas 78711-3088

2. It is further ordered that the Respondent shall undertake the following technical requirements:
 - a. Immediately upon the effective date of this Agreed Order, begin maintaining all UST records and ensure that they are made immediately available for inspection upon request by agency personnel, in accordance with 30 TEX. ADMIN. CODE § 334.10.
 - b. Within 30 days after the effective date of this Agreed Order:

- i. Submit documentation that demonstrates acceptable financial assurance for taking corrective action and for compensating third parties for bodily injury and property damage caused by accidental releases arising from the operation of the petroleum USTs, in accordance with 30 TEX. ADMIN. CODE § 37.815;
 - ii. Install a corrosion protection system and test the system, in accordance with 30 TEX. ADMIN. CODE § 334.49; and
 - iii. Implement a release detection method for all USTs at the Facility and conduct the annual piping tightness test, in accordance with 30 TEX. ADMIN. CODE § 334.50.
- c. Within 45 days after the effective date of this Agreed Order, submit written certification as described below, and include detailed supporting documentation including photographs, receipts, and/or other records to demonstrate compliance with Ordering Provision Nos. 2.a. and 2.b. The certification shall be notarized by a State of Texas Notary Public and include the following certification language:

"I certify under penalty of law that I have personally examined and am familiar with the information submitted and all attached documents, and that based on my inquiry of those individuals immediately responsible for obtaining the information, I believe that the submitted information is true, accurate and complete. I am aware that there are significant penalties for submitting false information, including the possibility of fines and imprisonment for knowing violations."

The certification shall be submitted to:

Order Compliance Team
Enforcement Division, MC 149A
Texas Commission on Environmental Quality
P.O. Box 13087
Austin, Texas 78711-3087

with a copy to:

Waste Section Manager
Waco Regional Office
Texas Commission on Environmental Quality
6801 Sanger Avenue, Suite 2500
Waco, Texas 76710-7826

3. The provisions of this Agreed Order shall apply to and be binding upon the Respondent. The Respondent is ordered to give notice of the Agreed Order to personnel who maintain day-to-day control over the Facility operations referenced in this Agreed Order.
4. If the Respondent fails to comply with any of the Ordering Provisions in this Agreed Order within the prescribed schedules, and that failure is caused solely by an act of God,

war, strike, riot, or other catastrophe, the Respondent's failure to comply is not a violation of this Agreed Order. The Respondent shall have the burden of establishing to the Executive Director's satisfaction that such an event has occurred. The Respondent shall notify the Executive Director within seven days after the Respondent becomes aware of a delaying event and shall take all reasonable measures to mitigate and minimize any delay.

5. The Executive Director may grant an extension of any deadline in this Agreed Order or in any plan, report, or other document submitted pursuant to this Agreed Order, upon a written and substantiated showing of good cause. All requests for extensions by the Respondent shall be made in writing to the Executive Director. Extensions are not effective until the Respondent receives written approval from the Executive Director. The determination of what constitutes good cause rests solely with the Executive Director.
6. This Agreed Order, issued by the Commission, shall not be admissible against the Respondent in a civil proceeding, unless the proceeding is brought by the OAG to: (1) enforce the terms of this Agreed Order; or (2) pursue violations of a statute within the Commission's jurisdiction, or of a rule adopted or an order or permit issued by the Commission under such a statute.
7. This Agreed Order may be executed in separate and multiple counterparts, which together shall constitute a single instrument. Any page of this Agreed Order may be copied, scanned, digitized, converted to electronic portable document format ("pdf"), or otherwise reproduced and may be transmitted by digital or electronic transmission, including but not limited to facsimile transmission and electronic mail. Any signature affixed to this Agreed Order shall constitute an original signature for all purposes and may be used, filed, substituted, or issued for any purpose for which an original signature could be used. The term "signature" shall include manual signatures and true and accurate reproductions of manual signatures created, executed, endorsed, adopted, or authorized by the person or persons to whom the signatures are attributable. Signatures may be copied or reproduced digitally, electronically, by photocopying, engraving, imprinting, lithographing, electronic mail, facsimile transmission, stamping, or any other means or process which the Executive Director deems acceptable. In this paragraph exclusively, the terms "electronic transmission", "owner", "person", "writing", and "written" shall have the meanings assigned to them under TEX. BUS. ORG. CODE § 1.002.
8. Under 30 TEX. ADMIN. CODE § 70.10(b), the effective date is the date of hand-delivery of the Order to the Respondent, or three days after the date on which the Commission mails notice of the Order to the Respondent, whichever is earlier.

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TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

For the Commission


For the Executive Director

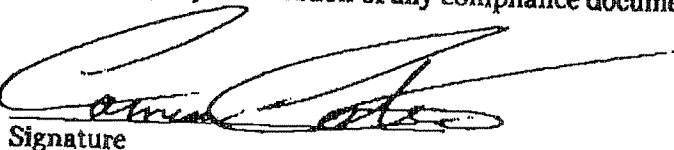
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Date

I, the undersigned, have read and understand the attached Agreed Order. I am authorized to agree to the attached Agreed Order on behalf of the entity indicated below my signature, and I do agree to the terms and conditions specified therein. I further acknowledge that the TCEQ, in accepting payment for the penalty amount, is materially relying on such representation.

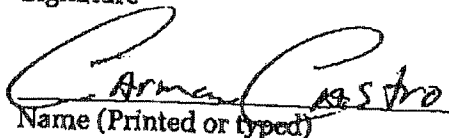
I also understand that failure to comply with the Ordering Provisions, if any, in this order and/or failure to timely pay the penalty amount, may result in:

- A negative impact on compliance history;
- Greater scrutiny of any permit applications submitted;
- Referral of this case to the Attorney General's Office for contempt, injunctive relief, additional penalties, and/or attorney fees, or to a collection agency;
- Increased penalties in any future enforcement actions;
- Automatic referral to the Attorney General's Office of any future enforcement actions; and
- TCEQ seeking other relief as authorized by law.

In addition, any falsification of any compliance documents may result in criminal prosecution.


Signature

9-13-13
Date


Name (Printed or typed)

Operator
Title

Authorized Representative of
Carmen Ramirez Castro dba Carmen's Corner Stop

Instructions: Send the original, signed Agreed Order with penalty payment to the Financial Administration Division, Revenue Operations Section at the address in Section IV, Paragraph 1 of this Agreed Order.